In a world that is currently plagued by incidents of violent extremism and terror, we are often presented with messages or news stories that focus on the leaders of violent extremist organizations or the perpetrators of such attacks. That type of messaging has affected the way that government and the public view violent extremism. It may be a distraction from more fully addressing the root cause of violent extremism through the use of human sciences, such as psychology, sociology and anthropology.

In this episode, Dr. Patrick Christian will explain how he and his partners at Valka-Mir Human Security are changing the way the US military thinks and goes about intervening in communities targeted by violent extremist groups. By training the military on evidence-based findings from social science research, they aim to build communities resilient to violent extremism and violent extremist ideologies.

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